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CLUB NOTES

TYPICAL of this season's Second Division toughness and uncertainty were our setbacks over the week-end, with only one point out of four saved. Relegated Sheffield United and Fulham played in a manner more in keeping with their former environment, especially reviving Fulham.

As manager Bobby Seith says in giving Saturday's winners their due, it would have been unjust had Sheffield been deprived of a well-deserved victory. Losing 0-4, none the less, was a shock in view of our recent away form. Bramall Lane was never a good hunting ground for us.

Once we won there by 5-0. A rarity for the record book was that Sammy Baird, with Jimmy Baxter fit again, was then dropped! That big win was a slice of cake. Usually we have had to be content with crumbs at the Lane. But United have gained seven home wins this season, and no Second Division team can claim more.

The truth is that few Division Two results these days are surprising. If our cropper at Sheffield was painful, what was the reaction at Blackburn to Rovers 0, Charlton 1, and at the Den to Millwall 0, Palace 2? Derby folk would be disappointed, too, with "Rams" 3, Carlisle 3. Their team had previously conceded only five goals at home.

Twenty goals were credited to Saturday's home Second Division teams, yet five of 11 failed to score! Seven away sides totted up 14. So far 174 points have been conceded in home games through 66 draws and 54 away wins.

Before to-day's match only six points separated Millwall (top) from Sheffield United (half way down). Even the always-fluid Second Division never used to produce competitiveness as keen and challenging as this. A points total of 55 may gain promotion.

How have our Bolton visitors been faring? At Burnden they have beaten Bury, Sheffield, Villa and Charlton, drawn with Rovers and "Brum," and lost to Derby, Millwall and Huddersfield — nine games for 10 points, goals 17-13.

Their away record is two wins (Fulham, Cardiff), four draws (Oxford, Bristol, Carlisle, Middlesbrough) and four defeats (Millwall, Blackpool, Hull, Crystal Palace) — 10 games for eight points, goals 10-11.

Our annual statement of accounts for the year ending June 30th offers the loyal North Ender much food for thought concerning the present cost of running a League team of recognised standing and, maintaining even Second Division status.

As in the previous year we were involved in numerous transfer transactions, but whereas the revenue account for 1966-67 showed a net gain of £34,975 from these deals, those for the subsequent year resulted in a net loss of £43,321 — a difference on the debit side of £8,346.

Against this, the Chairman, commenting on our heavy investments in the transfer market with the aim of bringing First Division football back to Deepdale, said, "We feel we have the nucleus of a very successful side, comparatively young but experienced enough to promise well."

With wages, salaries and travelling accounting for £91,748, outgoings (including net loss on transfers) totalled £165,629. The income was £112,106.

Programme: Editorial—WALTER PILKINGTON and STUART WEBB (Asst. Secretary)

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What year was it made ?
And how many goals did he score ?

NORTH END IN ACTION

Gerry Ingram involved in a goalmouth incident in our game versus Bristol City

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From the Manager's Chair

HOW I SEE IT

by North End manager
BOBBY SEITH

"IS IT joyful or woefull?" I was asked. This after our first defeat since our setback at Derby five weeks back and then a point dropped at home. The seventh point conceded at Deepdale this season.

It is regrettable, of course, Points lost are always regretted. We had hoped for something more pleasing after that hard-earned win against Bristol City who so clearly meant to keep their goal intact.

But there is nothing to be woeful about, except injuries. We are getting a right crop of them just now, with two or three every match. Losing Alan Spavin and John Ritchie was a dear price to pay for two points in the Bristol match.

I don't want to make excuses on this account for what happened at Sheffield. We did not play well. We started slowly and Sheffield United got their tails up with two quick goals. What team wouldn't find some inspiration from a two goals start in 10 minutes? From then we were struggling but kept at it and came into the game strongly towards the finish.

All four goals were headed and the last of them was scored soon after half time. There's not much you can do when a match gets into that state save keep on trying. At least the team didn't give up. It is fair to say the defence, for once, had an off-day. United's rousing start made it all so much easier for them, but while they played well we helped them, up to a point.

It was unfortunate that we were again obliged to make changes. Sheffield were spared the strain of struggling, but we had our own problems and I wouldn't like to blame the lads who had come in. You cannot have three or four regulars out of a team without inevitably losing some of the normal rhythm and blend, in addition to feeling perhaps a bit less confident.

Frankly I was more upset about the way the team lost than the actual result. Considering what we were up against we would have been happy with a point. On fighting back we had three tremendouse shots well saved by Hodgkinson, and all credit to him. Our rally came too late. Any other result would have been unfair to Sheffield who deserved their win on the day. They would have beaten most teams on this form.

It was a coincidence that so soon after meeting one of last season's relegated teams we should have to face the other, consequent upon the re-arrangement of North End's postponed home game with Fulham for Monday night. Here again, circumstances went against us to some extent.

Just as Sheffield seem to have found inspiration from the recent acquisition of former Coventry forward John Tudor, so Fulham have gained a different approach following the changes at Craven Cottage. When originally due to visit Deepdale they were on the floor and in the doldrums. With Johnny Haynes as player-manager they beat Huddersfield last Saturday by 4-3.

This was no mean feat in view of the Town's recent away form, granted their defence has seemed a bit suspect. The stiffening effect on Fulham's morale can be understood. They played very well from back to front at Deepdale and are in a false position if this is their true form. They certainly did not look like a team struggling near the bottom of the table.

It was a hard game, with escapes and exciting saves at both ends. All things considered, not least the fact that we had five first team casualties on the sidelines and others hurt during the match, we did well to come out of it with a point. Here was another illustration of how evenly matched are so many teams in this Division.

There is not much difference in actual ability between some near the bottom and those near the top. We saw that, of course, when Carlisle were here. Although without a win they put up a fine show and look at what they have done since — 10 matches without defeat !

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OUR VISITORS

STRANGE, but true, is the Wanderers' habit of picking up points at Deepdale. Since the war the trenchant "Trotters" have cheerfully collected 17 in 17 visits, and rubbed in the smart with Cup wins in 1958 by 3-0 and three years ago by 2-1. We first met our one-time Christmas and New Year rivals in April, 1884 — a "friendly." Almost needless to say, Bolton departed happy with a 2-1 win.

Our welcome loses no warmth on that account. Through one club or the other being in different Divisions we were kept apart in 22 of The League's 70 seasons. Even so there have been well over 100 meetings, 94 of them League games. North End won 38, the Wanderers 29, and the goal totals (147-129) are slightly in our favour. The clubs were among the 12 founder members in 1888.

Our rivalry has thrived through being spiced with tit-for-tat. The "horses-for-courses" tradition is reflected by 18 points for North End from 17 postwar League matches at Burnden, by 30 goals to 27 (the Deepdale figures for the return games are 21-22). Our overall League record at Bolton is really quite remarkable. It is: P47, W18, D11, L18, Goals for 76, against 76, Points 47.

Then we are closely and sympathetically linked with the adversity common to famous provincial clubs since the limitless wage concession of 1961 put them at a heavy disadvantage. On their fall into present company in 1964 after spending 40 of the previous 42 seasons in Division One, Bolton came first in alphabetical order. Now, largely through the power of the purse, they are fifth.

They have been joined by Birmingham (relegated 1965), Blackburn Rovers (1966), and Aston Villa and Blackpool (1967). Considering the honours gained by these clubs — and North End — when the time-honoured principle of equal opportunity ensured a fair chance for all competitors, a good deal has been sacrificed for a system which has created a City and Suburban Handicap.

Burnden's record "gate" is 69,912; date February 18th, 1933; last Saturday a pitiful 7,005 saw Bolton make a goalless draw with Birmingham. Their average crowd last season was 11,411 — and only those at Plymouth, Carlisle and Rotherham were smaller. What an ironic, bitter twist of fortune for a fine old club with the fourth best record of seasons spent in the First Division.

Everton (66 of 70), Aston Villa (65) and Sunderland (62 — 57 of them a record for consecutive seasons) lead. Bolton can claim 58. From 1888 to 1964 they only had these seasons in Division Two.

Season	Pos'n.	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
1899-00	1	34	22	8	4	79	25	52
1903-04	7	34	12	10	12	59	41	34
1904-05	2	34	27	2	5	87	32	56
1908-09	1	38	24	4	10	59	28	52
1910-11	1	38	21	9	8	69	40	51
1933-34	3	42	21	9	12	79	55	51
1934-35	2	42	26	4	12	96	48	56
1964-65	3	42	20	10	12	80	58	50

Since then — ninth place (41 points), ninth (42 points), and twelfth (39 points). A sad anti-climax.

Pen Pictures

Eddie HOPKINSON (*goalkeeper*). Popular former England goalkeeper. Took part in Sweden's World Cup series. A star in Under-23 games behind the "Iron Curtain" 1957. Began League career as amateur with Oldham, but Bolton signed him same season, 1951-52. He has played for them more than 500 times in League and Cup. Born Wheatley Hill.

John RITSON (*right back*). Liverpool-born recruit who is fulfilling promise shown last season.

Syd FARRIMOND (*left back*). A Hindley-born product of Wanderers' junior teams, rounded off 300 League appearances for the club last April.

Gary WILLIAMS (*right half*). Born at Wembley, was a Cardiff discovery who made his name at Ninian Park. Had exceeded 150 League appearances when Bolton paid a big fee for him 12 months ago.

John HULME (*centre half*). Another local find who came into the League side in 1962-63. Belongs to Mobberley. Shot up through the junior grades after joining the Wanderers from school. A six-footer and strong tackler, had made 80 League appearances when last season ended.

Dave HATTON (*left half*). Progressed a year earlier by the same route as Hulme. Over 200 League appearances now. Born at Farnworth.

Terry WHARTON (*outside right*). Although a native of Bolton, his youthful promise appealed first to Wolves who quickly took him on their junior staff. He developed as they believed he would and Wanderers had to pay dearly to get him when they wanted a replacement for Francis Lee last November. Like his father, ex-North Ender Jackie Wharton, Terry scored on his League debut

Goeffrey William BROMILOW (*inside right*). Got his chance when Brian Bromley was transferred and has the distinction of being the only amateur in English football at Second Division level or higher. Farnworth is his birthplace, too.

John BYROM (*centre forward*). Joined Bolton from Blackburn Rovers, the League club of his native town. In 48 League appearances to the end of last season he had scored 15 goals.

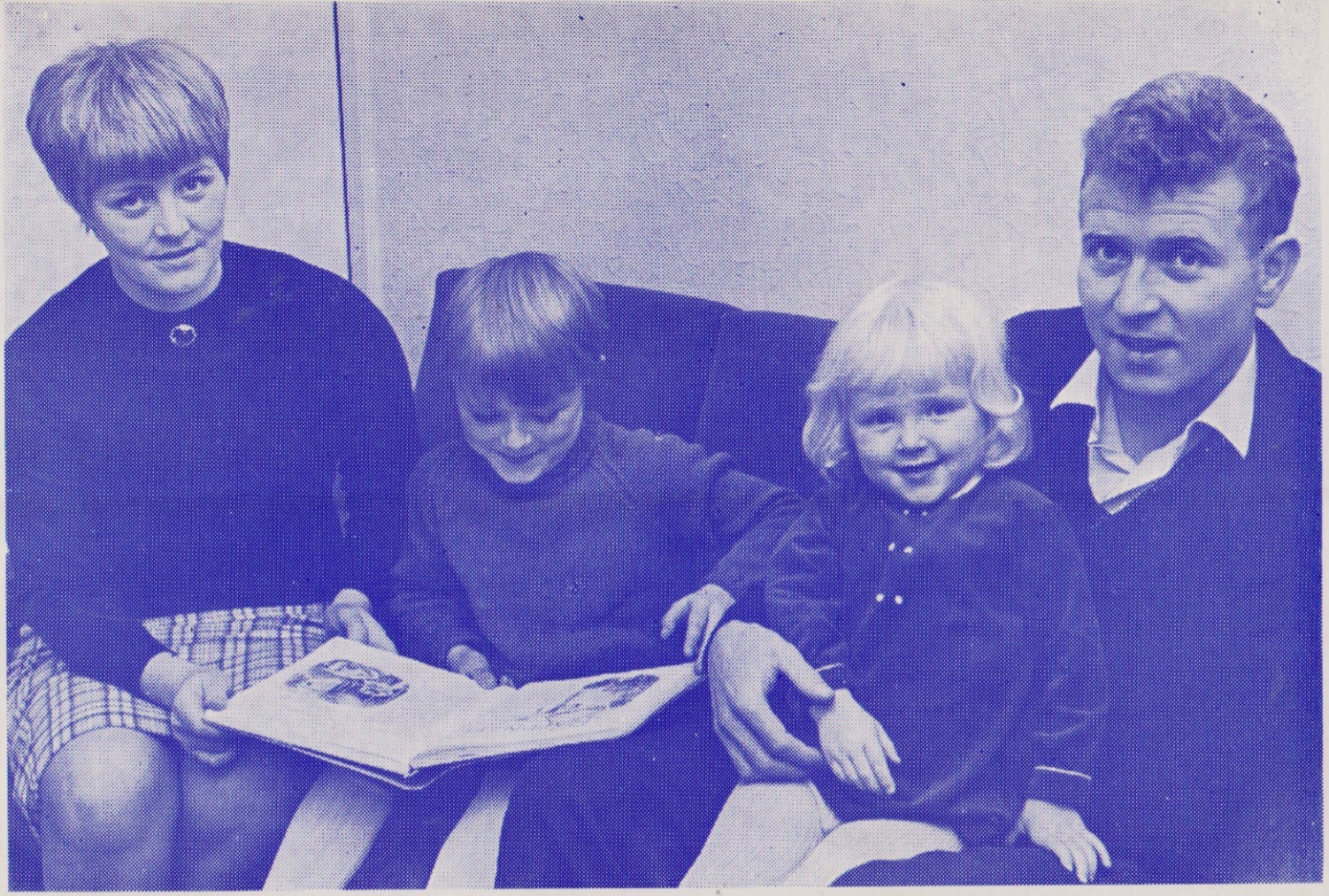
Dave LENNARD (*inside left*). Came to Bolton looking for a trial, got his wish, and duly progressed from the colt stage. Signed professional January, 1962, and is heading for his 100th first team appearance. He hails from Manchester.

Freddie HILL (*outside left*). Ten years a Bolton first teamer and capped by England, has topped 350 League appearances. Born Sheffield.

← BOLTON WANDERERS SEASON 1968-69

Back Row (left to right): W. T. Jones, J. Hulme, S. Farrimond, F. Hill, C. Cooper, E. Hopkinson.
Standing (left to right) : D. H. Hatton, R. J. Hatton, W. R. Rimmer, J. Byrom, G. C. Williams.
Seated (left to right) : G. Taylor, T. J. Wharton, J. A. Ritson, B. Bromley, R. D. Phillips, D. Lennard, R. Greaves.

BOLTON WANDERERS



Jim pictured at home with his wife Joan and children Beverley and Alison

FOCUS on JIMMY SMITH

A CREDIT to his club and calling throughout the 13 years of his professional career is our longest-serving player. Dubbed the quiet man of Deepdale, he has always trained as a true athlete should and zealously got on with his job, doing it without fuss and to the best of his considerable ability. He is popular and deservedly so through being so obviously " a 100 per center."

Coming here from Arbroath Lads F.C., in 1955, after spending his first 17 years at his native Arbroath, he made his League debut on December 13th, 1958, at Deepdale against Manchester United, who won 4-3. Gordon Milne was called upon to play for the British Army in Paris, and Frank O'Farrell switched to right half so that the stand-in could occupy his normal position at left half.

In the last but one match of 1967-68, stalwart Smith completed 300 League appearances for his only English club in 10 seasons as a first team player. Adaptable Jim had then figured in five positions, including a tragic experimental trial at centre forward in our relegation season : a serious ankle injury at Fulham caused him to miss 31 of the remaining 32 matches.

In his three games at centre forward he scored two of his 13 goals. He played in all three half back positions, and, more recently, fell in with a proposal which resulted in his being a success at left back. Subsequently he has been the defending link at wing half, as well as a substitute whose shrewdness and experience have been of consistent value to his side.

Everyone calls him Jim, and many must have wondered what the "J.A.G." in his name stands for; he was christened James Alexander Grant. Fond of football as a youngster, he learned enough to be chosen as reserve for Scotland Schoolboys. He enjoys most being on the winning side and prefers, when playing away from home, to be on a Lancashire ground because of the "derby" atmosphere.

He hopes to assist North End to promotion, which no doubt accounts for his tips of P.N.E. and Birmingham as first and second when the season ends. Jimmy Greaves and Bobby Charlton are the two fellow-professionals he admires most. He has no other sporting pursuit. Off duty he enjoys "do it yourself" (especially carpet fitting), and reading — fact rather than fiction.

Jim was happiest in his football world, and so was his wife, Jean, when he played in our 1964 Cup Final; this was his greatest thrill even though North End lost. They have two children, Beverley (six) and Alison (two). Do they, I wonder, share their father's aversion to wasps, and his liking for steak and chips, his favourite when there is something savoury on the menu?

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League Division II, 1968-69

								Attendances	
1968			1968-9	1967-8	Pts.	Gain	Loss	1968-9	1967-8
Aug. 10	Middlesbrough	A	1–2	0–5	0	4,664	—	19,014	14,350
,, 14	**F.L. Cup 1st Round, Oldham**	H	1–1	–	–	—	—	10,287	—
,, 17	Huddersfield Town	H	1–0	3–1	2	—	681	12,673	13,354
,, 21	**F.L. Cup 1st Rd. Replay, Oldham**	A	1–0	–	–	—	—	4,434	—
,, 24	Cardiff City	A	0–1	0–2	0	—	1,553	11,344	12,897
,, 26	Portsmouth	H	0–0	3–1	1	3,890	—	13,828	9,938
,, 31	Birmingham City	H	4–1	0–0	2	—	2,760	14,112	16,872
Sept. 4	**League Cup 2nd Rd., Crystal P.**	A	1–3	–	–	—	—	12,594	—
,, 7	Bury	A	1–0	–	2	—	—	10,609	—
,, 14	Charlton Athletic	H	1–1	4–1	1	2,783	—	13,986	11,203
,, 16	Blackpool	A	1–1	1–4	1	10,684	—	27,975	16,291
,, 21	Crystal Palace	A	2–1	0–2	2	5,807	—	13,577	7,770
,, 28	Norwich City	H	1–3	1–0	0	—	258	14,778	15,036
,, 30	Carlisle United	H	2–2	0–2	1	1,503	—	14,984	13,481
Oct. 5	Blackburn Rovers	H	1–1	3–5	1	649	—	20,681	20,032
,, 9	Portsmouth	A	1–1	1–2	1	—	1,042	20,393	21,435
,, 12	Derby County	A	0–1	2–1	0	9,363	—	27,146	17,783
,, 19	Hull City	H	1–0	3–2	2	—	505	13,823	14,328
,, 26	Millwall	A	0–0	0–2	1	6,091	—	15,827	9,736
Nov. 9	Aston Villa	A	1–0	0–1	2	109	—	13,374	13,285
,, 16	Bristol City	H	1–0	0–1	2	2,200	—	12,325	10,125
,, 23	Sheffield United	A	0–4	–	0	—	—	15,969	—
,, 25	Fulham	H	0–0	–	1	—	—	14,730	—
,, 30	Bolton Wanderers	H	–	1–1					19,798
Dec. 7	Oxford United	A	–	–					
,, 14	Derby County	H	–	1–1					17,871
,, 20	Hull City	A	–	1–1					14,082
,, 26	Blackburn Rovers	A	–	1–0					20,255
,, 28	Millwall	H	–	0–1					11,445
1969									
Jan. 4	**F.A. Cup 3rd Round**			3–1					
,, 11	Fulham	A	–	–					—
,, 18	Aston Villa	H	–	2–1					17,043
,, 25	**F.A. Cup 4th Round**			1–3					
Feb. 1	Bristol City	A	–	1–4					16,935
,, 8	Sheffield United	H	–	–					—
,, 15	Bolton Wanderers	A	–	0–0					14,664
,, 22	Oxford United	H	–	–					—
Mar. 1	Middlesbrough	H	–	0–0					15,229
,, 8	Huddersfield Town	A	–	1–1					10,834
,, 15	Cardiff City	H	–	3–0					13,735
,, 22	Birmingham City	A	–	0–3					27,664
,, 29	Bury	H	–	–					—
April 5	Norwich City	A	–	3–1					18,231
,, 7	Carlisle United	A	–	1–4					11,228
,, 8	Blackpool	H	–	0–2					21,499
,, 12	Crystal Palace	H	–	0–0					13,313
,, 19	Charlton Athletic	A	–	0–0					11,612

Central League, 1968-69

1968			
Aug. 10	Newcastle United	H	3–2
,, 17	Nottingham Forest	A	1–1
,, 20	Everton	A	1–1
,, 24	Coventry City	H	3–1
,, 27	Burnley	A	0–1
,, 31	West Bromwich Albion	A	1–2
Sept. 7	Manchester United	H	2–0
,, 16	Everton	H	0–1
,, 21	Bury	H	3–1
,, 28	Sheffield Wednesday	A	0–1
Oct. 5	Leeds United	A	1–0
,, 12	Blackburn Rovers	H	1–1
,, 14	Leeds United	H	0–0
,, 19	Blackpool	A	0–1
,, 26	Liverpool	H	0–5
Nov. 2	Bolton Wanderers	A	1–2
,, 9	Aston Villa	H	2–2
,, 16	Wolverhampton Wanderers	A	1–0
,, 23	Manchester City	H	2–1
,, 30	Sheffield United	A	....
Dec. 7	Derby County	H	....
Dec. 14	Blackburn Rovers	A	....
,, 21	Blackpool	H	....
,, 28	Liverpool	A	....
1969			
Jan. 4	Stoke City	H	....
,, 11	Bolton Wanderers	H	....
,, 18	Aston Villa	A	....
,, 25	Burnley	H	....
Feb. 1	Wolverhampton Wanderers	H	....
,, 8	Manchester City	A	....
,, 15	Sheffield United	H	....
,, 22	Derby County	A	....
Mar. 1	Newcastle United	A	....
,, 8	Nottingham Forest	H	....
,, 14	Coventry City	A	....
,, 22	West Bromwich Albion	H	....
,, 29	Manchester United	A	....
April 5	Sheffield Wednesday	H	....
,, 8	Stoke City	A	....
,, 12	Bury	A	....
,, 19	Huddersfield Town	H	....
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TS AND FIGURES

North End Appearances and Goals, 1968-69

Football League, Division II—P20, W7, D8, L5, Goals F19, A19, Pts 22

	G	RB	LB	RH	CH	LH	OR	IR	CF	IL	OL	Total
Alan KELLY	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20
Bert PATRICK	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
George ROSS	—	15	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17
John RITCHIE	—	—	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16
Jim SMITH	—	—	2	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11
Graham HAWKINS	—	—	—	—	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	20
Ken KNIGHTON	—	—	—	—	—	17	—	—	—	3	—	20
Jim McNAB	—	—	—	11	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	14
David WILSON	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	—	—	—	1	16
David HUGHES	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Alan SPAVIN	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	—	—	—	18
Willie IRVINE	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	19	—	—	19
Gerry INGRAM	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	14	—	15
George LYALL	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	3
Archie GEMMILL	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	4	6
Derek TEMPLE	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	8	12
Frank LEE	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	7
Total	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	

League Division II Scorers—Irvine 11; Knighton 3; Spavin, Lee, Temple, Ingram, Gemmill 1 each—Total 19. League Cup Scorers—Irvine 3.

LEAGUE DIVISION II

(up to and including 15th November)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	Pts
Millwall	20	11	4	5	36	20	26
Crystal Palce	20	11	4	5	36	25	26
Derby County	19	9	7	3	22	16	25
Hull City	20	7	9	4	29	22	23
Blackburn Rovers	20	9	5	6	26	20	23
Middlesbrough	19	10	3	6	26	22	23
CharltonAthletic	20	8	7	5	26	25	23
Huddersfield Town	20	9	4	7	30	26	22
Cardiff City	20	9	4	7	30	39	22
Preston North End	20	7	8	5	19	19	22
Sheffield United	20	8	4	8	27	23	20
Blackpool	20	6	8	6	26	18	20
Portsmouth	20	5	9	6	27	26	19
Carlisle United	20	6	7	7	20	27	19
Bolton Wanderers	19	6	6	7	27	24	18
Norwich City	19	7	4	8	26	26	18
Birmingham City	20	7	2	11	35	38	16
Bristol City	19	2	10	7	13	20	14
Bury	19	4	6	9	25	41	14
Fulham	20	3	8	9	19	30	14
Oxford United	20	4	6	10	14	26	14
Aston Villa	20	3	7	10	14	30	13

CENTRAL LEAGUE

(up to and including 15th November)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	Pts
Manchester United	20	13	5	2	38	20	31
Liverpool	20	12	5	3	38	11	29
Burnley	21	10	6	5	34	23	26
Newcastle United	18	11	2	5	28	17	24
West Bromwich A.	19	10	4	5	34	21	24
Everton	20	9	4	7	19	22	22
Wolverhampton W.	19	8	5	6	28	26	21
Stoke City	17	8	4	5	21	15	20
Preston North End	19	7	5	7	22	23	19
Aston Villa	19	6	6	7	23	30	18
Sheffield United	18	6	6	6	29	19	18
Sheffield Wednesday	19	6	5	8	22	25	17
Bury	19	7	3	9	24	28	17
Leeds United	19	5	7	7	17	23	17
Bolton Wanderers	19	7	3	8	22	32	17
Nottingham Forest	17	6	5	6	34	31	17
Manchester City	18	8	0	10	29	29	16
Blackpool	20	5	5	10	38	42	15
Huddersfield Town	19	6	2	11	19	36	14
Blackburn Rovers	20	5	5	10	27	39	15
Derby County	18	2	8	8	14	25	12
Coventry City	18	1	5	12	13	35	7

Football League
LEADING HOT SHOTS

(Up to and including last Monday's game)

Division I	Lge.	FLC	Eur. Comps.	Total
Greaves (Tottenham) ..	20	4	—	24
Hurst (West Ham)	15	4	—	19
Law (Manchester United)	6	—	9	15
Astle (West Bromwich)	12	2	—	14
Moore (Nottm. Forest) ..	13	1	—	14
Robson, B. (Newcastle)	10	2	2	14
Royle (Everton)	11	3	—	14

Division II				
Curran (Norwich)	15	5	—	20
Willie Irvine (Preston)	11	3	—	14
Toshack (Cardiff)	12	—	2	14
Wagstaffe (Hull).....	12	1	—	13
Jackson, C. (C. Palace)	9	3	—	12
Greenhoff (Birmingham)	11	—	—	11

Division III	Lge.	FLC	FAC	Total
Rogers (Swindon)	10	5	1	16
Mulvaney (Barrow)	11	—	2	13
Lewis (Luton)	11	1	—	12
Yardley (Tranmere)	9	3	—	12
Yeo (Gillingham)	12	—	—	12

Division IV				
Banks (Exeter).....	12	2	—	14
Talbot (Chester)	12	1	1	14
Ham (Bradford City) ..	11	2	—	13
Hall (Peterborough)	8	4	—	12
Jeffrey (Doncaster)	11	—	1	12

The Preston North End F.C. hope you find this programme both informative and interesting, and we wish to acknowledge the co-operation of the *Lancashire Evening Post* for allowing us to publish photographs taken by their Staff Photographers.

BOLTON WANDERERS QUIZ

1—What favourite Lancashire dish has always been associated with the Wanderers?

2—Why, early in our long rivalry, did the Wanderers fall out of favour for a time with North Enders?

3—In what way was revenge exacted for this incident?

4—What was the grudge Bolton had against Preston at the time?

5—What was Bolton's original name, and why?

6—Burnden Park has been the Wanderers' ground since 1895. Where did they play before then?

7—What record were the Wanderers glad to forget?

Answers on page 17

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Today's Personalities

Man at the Helm

NAT LOFTHOUSE

(Bolton's Acting Manager)

IF ANY one man personifies the post-war Bolton Wanderers it is NAT LOFTHOUSE — the Lion of Vienna, whose exciting performances made him one of the most popular players in the game. After his final retirement because of injuries in 1961, Nat joined the Bolton coaching staff and just recently he was appointed acting manager until the end of this season.

Lofthouse was spotted in local schools football and joined Bolton's staff the day after the 1939 war was declared. He made his senior debut in war-time football in 1941, but it wasn't until after the battle smoke had cleared in 1946 that he was able to start his Football League career.

An England player on 33 occasions — including that famous 3-2 victory over Austria in 1952 when he earned his "Lion of Vienna" tag with two magnificent goals — Nat hit 30 goals for his country. He turned out in 452 League games for Bolton, netting 255 times.

He was voted "Footballer of the Year" in 1953, became top First Division scorer in 1955/56 and on one occasion he scored six goals for the Football League against the League of Ireland.

It was Nat Lothouse who scored the controversial goal which clinched the 1958 F.A. Cup Final when he charged Manchester United's goalkeeper, Harry Gregg, over the line for his, and Bolton's second goal. The following season he scored two goals towards Bolton's 4-1 F.A. Charity Shield victory over Wolves.

A twisted ankle sustained on the club's South African tour of 1959 forced him to contemplate retirement. But Lofthouse never gave up without a fight. He made several attempts at a come-back before he finally accepted defeat in 1961.

He was appointed assistant-manager, a job he fulfilled until his recent promotion. Now, once again he is leading Bolton into battle.

Man in the Middle

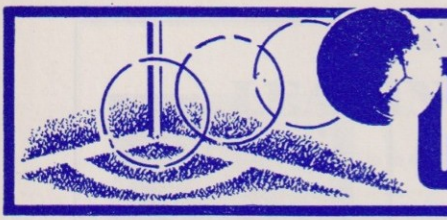
JOHN HUNTING (Leicester)

JOHN HUNTING took up refereeing at school and gained his referee's certificate before leaving to undergo National Service in Egypt and Cyprus. After demob in 1955 he pursued his refereeing ambitions seriously and it wasn't long before he took the first big step up the ladder when he was appointed to the Leicestershire Senior League.

He became a Football League linesman in 1966, gaining promotion to the referees' list this season. Taking a keen interest in most aspects of the game, Mr. Hunting has already received his preliminary F.A. coaching award.

Employed as a lecturer in physical education at the Regional College of Technology, Leicester, Mr. Hunting plays for the colleges' badminton and squash teams in the Leicestershire League.

He is married, with two daughters and a son, and devotes his "day off" to his duties as an executive committee member of the Leicester Sunday Football League.



CORNER KICKS

● **JUNIOR SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES**
Membership for the Junior North Enders has shot up to such a fantastic level during the past month that it has created quite a problem. A Christmas Party had been arranged along the usual lines in the Club's Gymnasium for 200 or so. But after checking current membership figures it was found that over 400 juniors had enrolled, and getting them all into Deepdale would be a physical impossibility.
Not to worry though, fans, Organiser Stuart Webb assures me that plans are afoot for a massive spectacular to be held in the Supporters' Club early in the New Year. Members will receive invitations by post in the usual way.

● **SPICK AND SPAN**
Bristol City Fans obviously enjoy their visits to Deepdale. Tony Naylor and Mike Owen keen City fans who although being at college managed to hitch-hike up to watch City play at Deepdale. "We don't often see City away, but we remembered the friendly Preston supporters and the hospitality shown to us at your Clubhouse over the years, so we both made the extra effort" remarked Mike.
Another Bristol City supporter wrote this letter to us following his recent visit to Deepdale:

"I would like to congratulate you all at Deepdale on your Supporters' Club and your ground in general, the tidiest I have seen on all my travels and I go to all Bristol City's away matches. The pitch itself looked perfect and with no advertisements to be seen the ground looked a picture. Also your Official Programme is one of the best I have come across on my travels.
"Good luck to you all for the remainder of the season.
"E. Hill, 7 'Westacres' Passage Road, Brentry, Bristol."

● **MILEAGE NOTE**
Soccer fans travel many miles to watch their favourites perform each Saturday. North End's many regular supporters from the Kendal area make the round trip to Deepdale each match day. Another much travelled fan is Mr. Lawrence and his wife from Denton, Manchester, West Stand season ticket holders who last season clocked over 4,400 travelling to watch the Lilywhites both at home and away. We would be interested to hear from any North End Supporters who have to clock up the miles each week in order to see the Lilywhites. Write to: Stuart Webb, P.N.E.F.C., Deepdale, Preston.

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PRE-MATCH DRESSING ROOM SCENE

In keeping up our Public Relations image, Junior Supporters are invited to meet the players in the Dressing Room before the game. Pictured above are winners of our recent Programme Competition chatting with team members prior to the Bristol City game. Another treat for the youngsters is that they are allowed to watch the game from the Trainer's Bench.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1—Trotters (their nickname), as opposed to neighbouring Bury's black-puddings.

2—The Wanderers protested about the ineligibility of a North End player after we had won our first F.A. Cup-tie with them by 3-2 at Bolton, on December 12th, 1885, and P.N.E. were disqualified.

3—We played them again in the Cup just two years later at Deepdale, and administered a 9-1 thrashing.

4—They were about to re-engage the famous goalkeeper James Trainer, who had been a star turn with Great Lever, when North End spirited him away on the floor of a waggonette and cajoled him into signing for them instead.

5—Christ Church (formed 1874). Members of this organisation paid a penny subscription each and 6d. towards the cost of a ball. Name changed to Bolton Wanderers three years later.

6—Cockle's field and, from 1881, Pike's Lane.

7—That of not winning any of their first 23 Division One matches in 1902-03.

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P — NORWICH CITY v. BLACKPOOL
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Juniors please note — Arrangements have now been made to allow Juniors to travel at a reduced price.

OXFORD UNITED SUPPORTERS' CLUB
Oxford United Supporters' Club is situated on the ground at the Linden Road end. The Secretary's name — Mr. J. Knapp, Telephone Oxford 6303. All North End Supporters travelling to the game will be most welcome to call either before or after the game for a drink and light refreshments.

LILYWHITE ZONE AT OXFORD
The meeting place on the ground for North End Supporters travelling to Oxford will be the LINDEN ROAD END behind the goal, price 5/-.

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PRESTON NORTH END v. DERBY COUNTY

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